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Application Number 09/749,185		Filed December 26, 2000
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Group Art Unit 1652	Examiner M. Rao	

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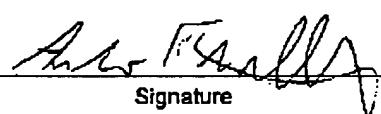
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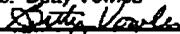
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